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1. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Having heard a radio news flash that Paul Kilday had announced an exhaustive review of CIA activities, I telephoned Bob Smart and Kilday's office to see if they knew of this and could give me the text. Neither Smart nor Kilday's office were aware of any action by Mr. Kilday on this item. At about 9:15, the UPI - 14 was received, copy of which has been delivered to the DCI. I thereupon advised Mr. Smart of its contents.

Subsequently, Mr. Smart called back saying that he had spoken to Mr. Kilday and requested that I dictate the contents of the UP item. Smart further advised that Kilday told him he had talked with a UP reporter along the line that after having been in existence for fourteen years it was appropriate that the Subcommittee having legislative responsibility review the situation. Mr. Kilday corrected the reporter when he used the word "investigation" saying it should be called an "inquiry."

Smart stated that Senator Russell had called Mr. Vinson this morning indicating that somehow Mansfield, with others, had slipped one by Russell by introducing a new resolution for a Joint Committee and having it referred to Senate Foreign Relations. I told Smart that I had reviewed yesterday's Congressional Record and was not aware that Mansfield had taken any such action. I did refer Smart to S. J. Res. 77 which was introduced on 27 April by McNamara and others, a copy of the Congressional Record item having been sent to the DCI. Mr. Smart then agreed that probably this was the matter to which Russell was referring and he had gotten it garbled. Smart then stated that Mr. Vinson planned to talk with the Speaker with the view of assuring that any such resolutions or bills in the House would be referred to Armed Services.

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